

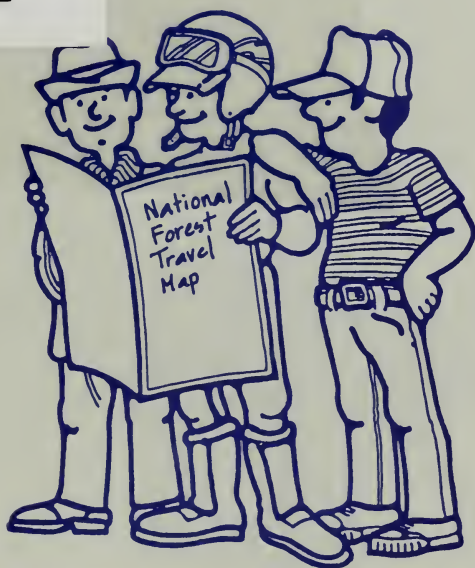
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OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GUIDE

STILLWATER PASS AREA
ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Sulphur Ranger District. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use is just one of the many uses of National Forest lands. This brochure is intended to help motor vehicle users enjoy the Stillwater Pass area safely.

TRAIL CONSERVATION AND SAFETY

Because it is recognized that improper handling of a machine can damage the resources of these lands, all drivers must assume responsibility for proper vehicle operation within the Arapaho National Forest.

Skilled OHVs are those who can make it to the top of a hill with a minimum of wheel-spinning.

All roads and trails in the area are two-way. Many of the trails are tight and narrow and are maintained in a manner to provide a primitive trail experience. There are numerous blind turns - hikers, other riders, horses or full-size vehicles should be anticipated around every turn. Rocky trails will be rough and slippery when wet. Riding fast is hazardous and not recommended.

With the rapidly changing weather conditions and the amount of roads and trails, it is impractical for us to place signs for individual hazards. Be aware that obstacles do exist.

Remember, in the backcountry, you will be a long way from available help in case of an injury. Ride Safely!

Emergencies - Grand County Sheriff - 725-3343

SEASONAL ROAD AND TRAIL CLOSURES

Wildlife Closures: Certain areas have been closed to motorized vehicles to protect critical summer and fall habitat. Please abide by posted closures. Wildlife habitat area closures for deer and elk typically begin October 1 and continue through the fall.

Seasonal Closures: All trails are generally closed to motorized vehicles from April 15 to June 1st or until the ground has adequately dried out.

Nothing is more destructive to the roads and trails in the forest than vehicular travel on wet ground. When the ground is wet, soil is soft and impressionable. Ruts are easily developed from tire motion and repeated use deepens the ruts. As the soil dries out and hardens, the ruts remain and become channels for running water. The erosion cycle continues.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Under Colorado Law, all vehicles must have either a current and valid Off-Highway Vehicle registration sticker or a state license plate.

You may ride on permitted and authorized open routes on the National Forest.

A permitted route requires a use permit for vehicles with license plates and out-of-state OHVs.

An authorized open route is a public roadway open to OHVs.

For information concerning OHV registration and use permits, please contact the Colorado Division of Parks and Recreation at 303-791-1920.

Only street-legal vehicles may be operated on other public roadways. Other public roadways include state, county, city and forest roads open to public use.

Riding off trails and roadways is strictly prohibited.

No motor vehicles are allowed in Never Summer Wilderness Area.

OHVs operated between sunset and sunrise must have at least one operating headlight and one red tail light.

Operable brakes and a muffler are required for all vehicles. A U.S.D.A. Forest Service approved spark arrester is required for motorcycles and ATVs. Eye protection is required for riders of motorcycles and ATVs, and helmets are recommended.

Four-wheel drive vehicles and motorcycles being operated on roadways are required to have properly installed, operating exhaust systems.

Violation of any applicable noise or emission standards established by any Federal or State agency is prohibited. If standards overlap, the most stringent will govern.

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, vehicles, including off-highway vehicles, may not be driven:

While the driver is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

In violation of state or local law, or any posted special regulation.

In a manner that creates excessive or unusual noise or smoke.

Carelessly and without regard for the safety of other people and wildlife.

In a manner that endangers, or that is likely to endanger, any person or property.

In a manner creating excessive damage or disturbance of the land, wildlife, or vegetation resources.

PERMITTED ROUTES

The following roads and trails are the permitted routes on the Sulphur Ranger District. A registration sticker is required for all Colorado OHVs. A use permit is required for vehicles with license plates and out-of-state OHVs.

Illinois Pass Trail/FDT 25 - Open to ATV & Motorcycle.

Access - From Highway 40 travel north on Colo. Hwy. 125 to the Stillwater Pass Road, FDR 123, turn east for 2.5 mi. to the trailhead parking.

Mulstay Road/FDR 258 - Open to ATV, Motorcycle, 4WD

Access - From Colo. Hwy. 125 travel to 3 miles south of Willow Cr. Pass. Turn west on FDR 258.

Willow Creek Pass Trail - Open to motorcycles only.

Access - The trail branches off from the Illinois Pass Trail approximately 2 miles north of the trailhead on the Stillwater Pass Road, FDR 123. It travels around Radial Mountain and into the Middle Park Ranger District of the Routt National Forest.

Parking is at the Illinois Pass Trailhead, 2.5 miles east of Colo. Hwy. 125 on FDR 123. The closest commercial services are in Grand Lake or Granby.



I PLEDGE TO TREAD LIGHTLY BY -

Traveling only where motorized vehicles are permitted.

Respecting the rights of hikers, skiers, campers, and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed.

Educating myself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, complying with signs and barriers, and asking owners' permission to cross private property.

Avoiding streams, lake shores, meadows, muddy roads and trails, steep hillsides, wildlife, and livestock.

Driving responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy my vehicle on wild lands.



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The boundary of Travel Res. shown below; also refer to Road, Trail and Area Restrictions:

MOTOR VEHICLES PERMITTED ONLY
ON NUMBERED ROADS AND TRAILS
OPEN FOR MOTORIZED TRAVEL

Other signs you may encounter are:

SYMBOLS



TWO-WHEEL
MOTOR VEHICLE



BICYCLES



HIGH
CLEARANCE
VEHICLE 4x4 &
PICKUP



ALL-TERRAIN
VEHICLE



SNOWMOBILE



Symbol with RED
SLASH indicates ac-
tivity not allowed.
Symbol with
YELLOW SLASH in-
dicates activity not
recommended.

TRAVEL MANAGEMENT POSTER



NATIONAL FOREST ROUTE MARKERS



Roads maintained
for LOW clearance
vehicles, such as
sedans, trailers and
motorhomes.



Roads suitable for
HIGH clearance
vehicles only.



OPEN
OHV ROAD



LEGEND

- Street Legal Vehicles Only
- Open OHV Road
- Motorcycle/ATV/Jeep Road
- Motorcycle/ATV Trail
- Motorcycle Only Trail
- Continental Divide
- Forest Boundary
- Trailhead
- Permitted Route

Scale: 1 2 3 Miles

